



CHIEFS COUNCIL

RESOLUTION of the Matawa Chiefs passed at the 30th Annual Matawa Chiefs Assembly in Nibinamik First Nation to be effective from and after 1:00pm Eastern Standard time on August 2, 2018

RESOLUTION #12-02-08-18

ESTABLISHING INDIGENOUS GUARDIANS PROGRAMS

WHEREAS the traditional homelands of the Matawa member First Nations include one of the largest collections of intact wetland and boreal forest ecosystems in the world, and;

WHEREAS the traditional homelands of the Matawa member First Nations are facing unprecedented environmental changes from proposed industrial and infrastructure developments, as well as an unpredictably changing climate, and;

WHEREAS the health and well-being of the lands and waters within the traditional homelands of the Matawa member First Nations are directly tied to the well-being and long-term sustainability of our communities, so;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Matawa member First Nations are committed to establishing Indigenous Guardians Programs which will support active stewardship of the lands and waters in accordance with community processes, priorities, values and beliefs, and;

FURTHER, BE IT RESOLVED that Matawa First Nations Management will establish a community-driven regional network which will:

- 1) Support the development and ongoing activities of individual community Guardians Programs;
- 2) Work to secure opportunities for individual community Guardians Programs;
- 3) Support synergies and communications between community Guardians Programs; and,
- 4) Support coordination of regional efforts where applicable, and;

FURTHER, BE IT RESOLVED that Matawa First Nations Management will seek funding from applicable federal and provincial governments or other Indigenous or environmental groups to support and advance Indigenous Guardians Programs, and;

FINALLY, BE IT RESOLVED that any applications from Matawa First Nations Management for Indigenous Guardians Program funding are intended to support and advance community stewardship initiatives and will not supersede any community application to the same funding authority.

MOVED BY: Chief Elizabeth Atlookan, Eabametoong First Nation
SECONDED BY: Chief Johnny Yellowhead, Nibinamik First Nation
ABSTENTIONS: Chief Bruce Achneepineskum, Marten Falls First Nation
CARRIED: Yes (8)

Chief Executive Officer

